



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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**MAJOR PATIENT GROUPS, SCIENTISTS, MEDICAL
RESEARCH GROUPS BACK H.R. 810, THE CASTLE-DEGETTE
STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT**

*Momentum continues to build for expansion of stem cell research policy, with over 180
cosponsors of Castle-DeGette legislation*

Dear Colleague:

As you may know, we have been leading the Congressional effort to expand the current embryonic stem cell research policy and have recently introduced H.R. 810, "The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act." We are pleased to report that we have support from over 180 bipartisan cosponsors and numerous endorsements from leading patient groups, medical research organizations and scientists, including:

Alpha-1 Foundation
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
American Diabetes Association
American Society of Hematology
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation
Cincinnati Children's Division of Infectious Diseases
Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research
Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis
Cornell University
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Foundation for Blood Research
Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Hadassah The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
International Society for Stem Cell Research
The Hereditary Disease Foundation
Joslin Diabetes Center
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kirsch Foundation
National Venture Capital Association
Ordway Research Institute
Pacific Health Research Institute
Parkinson's Action Network
Research America
The Republican Main Street Partnership
Salk Institute
Society for Women's Health Research
Student Society for Stem Cell Research
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
The Wistar Institute

If you have any questions or if you would like to cosponsor our bipartisan legislation, please contact Elizabeth Wenk with Rep. Castle (5-4165) or Meghan Taira with Rep. DeGette (5-4431).

Sincerely,

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